

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT OF THE
INTERIM HARRISON COUNTY
SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT – 2006 TAXES**

**For The Period
December 1 Through December 31, 2006**



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE
INTERIM HARRISON COUNTY
SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT – 2006 TAXES

For The Period
December 1 Through December 31, 2006

The Auditor of Public Accounts has completed the audit of the Sheriff's Settlement - 2006 Taxes for the period December 1 through December 31, 2006 for the interim Harrison County Sheriff. We have issued an unqualified opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole. Based upon the audit work performed, the financial statement is presented fairly in all material respects.

Financial Condition:

The interim Sheriff collected \$908,822 for the districts for December 2006 Taxes, retaining commissions of \$29,421 to operate the Sheriff's office. The interim Sheriff distributed \$879,092 to the districts for December 2006 Taxes.

Deposits:

As of December 31, 2006, \$470,043 of the interim Sheriff's deposits were exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

- Uncollateralized and Uninsured \$ 470,043

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To the People of Kentucky

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Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the Harrison County Sheriff's Settlement – December 2006 Taxes for the period December 1 through December 31, 2006. This tax settlement is the responsibility of the interim Harrison County Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for Sheriff's Tax Settlements issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the Sheriff's office prepares the financial statement on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the modified cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the interim Harrison County Sheriff's taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period December 1 through December 31, 2006, in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting.



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In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated June 15, 2007 on our consideration of the interim Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Respectfully submitted,

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Auditor of Public Accounts

June 15, 2007

HARRISON COUNTY
MARY R. HAMPTON, INTERIM SHERIFF
SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2006 TAXES

For The Period
December 1 Through December 31, 2006

<u>Charges</u>	<u>County Taxes</u>	<u>Special Taxing Districts</u>	<u>School Taxes</u>	<u>State Taxes</u>
Sheriff's Receipt	\$ 153,391	\$ 299,065	\$ 584,722	\$ 208,264
Franchise Taxes	21,063	47,232	66,152	
Additional Billings	9	20	36	12
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Gross Chargeable to Sheriff	174,463	346,317	650,910	208,276
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<u>Credits</u>				
Exonerations	142	298	544	187
Incoming Sheriff's Receipt	57,725	114,325	220,368	77,555
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Total Credits	57,867	114,623	220,912	77,742
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Taxes Collected	116,596	231,694	429,998	130,534
Less: Commissions *	4,955	8,168	10,750	5,548
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Taxes Due	111,641	223,526	419,248	124,986
Taxes Paid	111,601	223,465	419,093	124,933
Refunds (Current and Prior Year)	40	61	155	53
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Due Districts as of Completion of Fieldwork	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
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* Commissions:

4.25% on	\$ 427,175
2.50% on	\$ 429,998
1% on	\$ 51,649

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

HARRISON COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

December 31, 2006

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Fund Accounting

The Sheriff's office tax collection duties are limited to acting as an agent for assessed property owners and taxing districts. A fund is used to account for the collection and distribution of taxes. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statement has been prepared on a modified cash basis of accounting. Basis of accounting refers to when charges, credits, and taxes paid are reported in the settlement statement. It relates to the timing of measurements regardless of the measurement focus.

Charges are sources of revenue which are recognized in the tax period in which they become available and measurable. Credits are reductions of revenue which are recognized when there is proper authorization. Taxes paid are uses of revenue which are recognized when distributions are made to the taxing districts and others.

C. Cash and Investments

At the direction of the fiscal court, KRS 66.480 authorizes the Sheriff's office to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

Note 2. Deposits

The interim Sheriff maintained deposits of public funds with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as required by KRS 66.480(1)(d). According to KRS 41.240(4), the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement between the Sheriff and the depository institution, signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution.

HARRISON COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
December 31, 2006
(Continued)

Note 2. Deposits (Continued)

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a depository institution failure, the Sheriff's deposits may not be returned. The interim Sheriff did not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk but rather followed the requirements of KRS 41.240(4). On December 31, 2006, \$470,043 of the interim Sheriff's bank balance was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

- Uninsured and Unsecured \$ 470,043

Note 3. Tax Collection Period

The real and personal property tax assessments were levied as of January 1, 2006. Property taxes were billed to finance governmental services for the year ended June 30, 2007. Liens are effective when the tax bills become delinquent. The collection period for these assessments was December 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

Note 4. Interest Income

The interim Harrison County Sheriff earned \$1,732 as interest income on 2006 taxes. The interim Sheriff was in substantial compliance with her statutory responsibility regarding interest.

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COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL
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The Honorable Alex Barnett, Harrison County Judge/Executive
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**Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And On
Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of The Financial
Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards**

We have audited the Harrison County Sheriff's Settlement - 2006 Taxes for the period December 1 through December 31, 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated June 15, 2007. The interim Sheriff prepares her financial statement in accordance with a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the interim Harrison County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the interim Harrison County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the interim Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statement that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statement will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.



Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And On
Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of The Financial
Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards
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Compliance And Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the interim Harrison County Sheriff's Settlement - 2006 Taxes for the period December 1 through December 31, 2006 is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Harrison County Fiscal Court, and the Kentucky Governor's Office for Local Development and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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Auditor of Public Accounts

June 15, 2007

